

Applic. No. 10/620,588

Amdt. dated June 30, 2004

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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-15 are now in the application. Claim 2 has been amended. Claims 9-15 have been added, support for which can be found in claims 1-7. No new matter has been added.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 2-3 and 5-7 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

More specifically, the Examiner has stated that in claim 2, the recitation of "said roller" is indefinite for failing to clearly define which roller. Claim 2 has been amended so as to facilitate prosecution of the application. Therefore, the rejection is believed to have been overcome.

The Examiner stated that in claim 7, the limitations on lines 2-6 are recited in claim 1. It is respectfully noted that the Examiner is in error. Claim 1 calls for "approximately before said storage compartment reaches said closing position" while claim 7 calls for "approximately before said storage compartment reaches said end section". Accordingly, the limitations of claim 7 are not recited in claim 1. Therefore,

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claim 7 has not been amended to overcome the rejection of the claim.

It is accordingly believed that the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved. The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for cosmetic or clarificatory reasons. The changes are not provided for overcoming the prior art nor for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

In item 4 on page 2 of the Office action, claim 8 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1 and 3 of Kaiser (U.S. Patent No. 6,641,239). Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37CFR 1.321(c) signed by the undersigned. Therefore, the double patenting rejection is believed to have been overcome.

It is appreciatively noted from item 5 of the Office action, that claims 1 and 4 are allowed.

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It is appreciatively noted from item 6 of the Office action, that claims 2-3 and 5-7 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The claims have been amended as indicated above. Therefore, claims 2-3 and 5-7 are believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-15 are solicited.

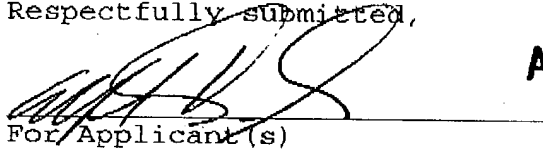
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect
to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner &
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